



SPENDS DAY IN PROBING

Grand Jury Returns No More Indictments.

RUEF MAY CONFESS ALL

Inquiries Into Bribing of Supervisors Takes Up Entire Day.

BOSS IS CLOSELY GUARDED

Secret Service Agent Burns Is Apparently Trying To Wring Confession From Boss Ruef Who Is Ill At Ease—Defense's Counsel Divided.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—The Grand Jury today resumed its work of investigation of the alleged wholesale graft and corruption in the municipal affairs of this city and after an all day session, with brief recess at noon, adjourned tonight until 11 o'clock Saturday morning. No indictments were returned today. The entire day was taken up in probing further into the alleged bribing of the Supervisors by the Telephone companies on which 27 indictments have already been based. The Grand Jury made a determined effort to trace the \$50,000 alleged to have been paid by T. V. Halsey, representing the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Co., to ten of the Supervisors to prevent the granting of a franchise to the Home Telephone Co. To this end almost all the officials of the Pacific States Company, including Henry Scott, president W. J. Zimmer, formerly Auditor but now vice president; B. C. Carroll, general agent C. J. Hall, secretary to Halsey; T. O. Sherwin, auditor and Frank D. Drum a director, were taken before the Grand Jury to secret service agent Burns. Nellie Smith, stenographer to Gerald Frich and Beedy, the attorneys who represented the Home Telephone Co., in the obtaining of its franchise from the Supervisors, was recalled today and spent over an hour in the Grand Jury room. She is considered by Heney and Burns to be one of the most important witnesses in the deal by which the Home Co. is said to have paid \$62,000 to the Supervisors through Ruef for their franchise. It is said that all efforts to get any testimony from her have failed.

The supreme court today on the request of Ruef dismissed Ruef's application for a writ of habeas corpus to transfer him from the custody of Elmer Biggy to that of Sheriff O'Neill. Biggy said that Ruef after looking up authorities had decided that the Supreme Court would uphold Judge Dunne, and withdraw the application in order to forestall an adverse decision. It leaked out tonight that Ruef late this afternoon paid off three of his attorneys, Fairhall, Murphy and Shortridge, which has revived the report that there is dissension among them and that at least one of them, Shortridge, desires to withdraw from the case.

Color is lent to the report persistently circulated that Burns is working on Ruef to get him to confess to the frequent visits paid by the detective to Ruef and the fact that Burns was closeted with Ruef until 2:30 this morning. From those who are guarding Ruef it is learned that he realizes the full seriousness of his situation. For two nights there was little sleep for Ruef and he is said to have moaned and groaned and tossed in his bed. Burns visits Ruef several times each day. They seem on the best of terms, laughing and chatting with each other. Burns in a joking manner

tells how various officials have confessed, but each story has a point which has its effect on Ruef. Now that the writ of habeas corpus has been dismissed by the Supreme Court, the prosecution is casting about for another place to keep Ruef. It has been decided to take an apartment in a private house. Perhaps no prisoner in the United States is guarded today as closely as is Ruef. Burns has placed six of his picked men under Elmer Biggy to guard the prisoner. At night Biggy sleeps in the same room with Ruef, two guards are on duty in the room with eyes constantly on Ruef, one man stands in the hall in front of the door and another is on the outside of the window.

In the event of an attempt of rescue or escape the men have orders to kill Ruef. Owing to the entertainment of fears that he might try to escape or an attempt be made to rescue him, several privileges which have been enjoyed by Ruef were cut off today. All Supervisors seen today emphatically denied they had made confessions to the Grand Jury.

DECISION MONDAY.

BOISE, March 21.—The argument of the motion for a change of venue in the Moyer Haywood and Pettibone case was concluded today and Judge Wood announced that he will render a decision Monday.

Perhaps the strongest point made by the defense was that the motion for a change of venue could at any time be renewed by the defense, and that if present motion was overruled and circumstances later made it obvious to the court that the change of venue should be taken, then the motion could be renewed and granted.

ENOUGH LAW NOW

Harriman Does Not Favor Railroad Legislation.

BUT WISE ADMINISTRATION

Denies That Railroads Are Over Capitalized—Declares Federal Government Has Sufficient Control of Railroads At the Present Time.

NEW YORK, March 21.—E. H. Harriman in an interview published today in the American replies to the statements recently credited to John D. Rockefeller in which the latter decried railroads and other corporations and in favor of government control of railroads. Mr. Harriman was asked what he thought of Mr. Rockefeller's statement that there should be federal control of railroads and replied:

"There is federal control now. That arm of the government to which is delegated the power of supervision of railroads is equipped with enormous responsibility. There are laws enough in the statute books now, more than enough. All that is necessary is to have them judiciously and wisely administered. There is no need for supplemental supervision."

When Mr. Harriman was asked if he thought the railroads were over-capitalized, he replied:

"No, one must remember this is a most wonderful country. It has been made by the enthusiasms, the imagination and speculative bent of a superbly capable people. They have been a people that are magnificent pioneers. They saw into the future and adapted their work to the possibilities.

"There is much left to be developed in this country. Towns are growing like magic and its people are tolling like the Aladdin lamp genii.

ACCEPTS INVITATION.

Senator C. W. Fulton has accepted the invitation tendered to make an address next Saturday at the Livestock Fair in Woodburn. The project of a livestock fair has been taken up with great energy by the little valley city and indications are that it will be a complete success.

AFFIDAVITS PRESENTED

Jerome Supports Charge as to Thaw's Insanity.

HEARING IS CONTINUED

Delmas Declares Defense Not Ready to Rebut Jerome's Charges.

\$ GIVEN TIME TO PREPARE

Justice Fitzgerald Refuses to Allow Oral Examination of Dr. Hamilton, Who Testified Thaw Is Unable to Conduct His Defense.

NEW YORK, March 21.—District Attorney Jerome today presented to Justice Fitzgerald eight affidavits in support of the suggestion he made yesterday in the Thaw case, that the defendant is now incapable of understanding the proceedings against him or of making his defense. The court was in session for less than an hour, Delmas stating to the District Attorney's proposition was not ready.

Judge Fitzgerald allowed both sides until Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock to file such affidavits as they may desire. There will be no further hearing in the matter of the appointment of a lunacy commission unless Justice Fitzgerald so directs.

Neither Thaw nor the jury was in court today. There will be a brief session tomorrow at which the court will be adjourned until Monday, when it is expected that Fitzgerald will announce his decision. Jerome pleaded today for permission to examine Dr. Hamilton orally, but in the absence of a waiver of professional privilege on the part of the defense, Fitzgerald said he would not allow the doctor to be examined further at this time.

The Judge announced significantly that he would take judicial notice of everything which had been adduced in the evidence during the nine weeks of the trial. Hamilton, it will be remembered, yesterday testified that in his opinion Thaw was not at present capable of directing his own defense.

The refusal of Justice Fitzgerald to allow Hamilton to be interrogated is interpreted in various ways by those in court today. The followers of Jerome construed it to mean that Fitzgerald is already aware of Hamilton's opinion and considered further interrogation unnecessary. The defense construed his action to mean that the Judge felt he could not take Hamilton's testimony into consideration and consequently the prosecution's case is very much weakened. It had been rumored all day that Delmas will not be in court this afternoon because of the attitude assumed by some of the other associate counsel yesterday.

SEATTLE MILLS CLOSED.

Puget Sound Loses Heavily By Enforced Idleness.

SEATTLE, March 21.—Every flouring mill in Seattle has closed completely on account of its inability to get wheat and not a pound of flour is being ground in this city. Unless wheat begins to come into the city within two days, there will be a flour famine and the city will be enforced to send to Minneapolis for flour. The flour industry of Puget Sound has received a blow from which it will not soon recover. Orders that would naturally come to Puget Sound are being sent to other places, and Seattle millers are losers. Shippers have thousands of

tons of wheat in their elevators, only 200 miles away, but are unable to get care to bring it to the ouring mills. The Hammond, Centennial, Novelty and Lilly mills have not ground a sack of flour for the past week, and there is no prospect at present of their resuming for some time to come.

STEELHEAD CATCH AT END.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 21.—There will be no more steelhead fishing on the Harbor this season, as the Winter season has closed and not until April 15 will it be lawful to fish again. The principal season will open in August. The catch of steelheads this Winter has been below the average and as a consequence the fishermen have received better prices for the fish than usual, as high as 7 1-2 cents a pound having been given, while on the Columbia river 5 and 6 cents was paid. A prominent fish buyer said that the catch of steelheads has not been more than half as great as in former years, this Winter. Most of the catch was frozen and sent to New York, while a small part of it went to the Sound.

COUNCILMEN SENTENCED.

LA GRANDE, Or., March 21.—E. W. Bartlett and S. A. Gardiner, convicted of extortion to allow gambling, were this morning sentenced to ten months in the County Jail by Judge Smith, of Baker City, who heard the trial at the last session of the Circuit Court. Smith heard the appeal for a new trial yesterday, but denied the motion. The defendants are out on \$1500 bonds and have 60 days to file an appeal to the Supreme Court. This will likely be done.

PUTER CONTINUES

Confesses Attempt to Bribe Grand Jury Which Indicted Him.

BANK PRESIDENT INVOLVED

Puter Declares That He Received The Bills Which Bribed Mitchell From Eastern Bank President—is Witness To Win Freedom.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—S. A. D. Puter again testified for the government in the Hermann trial regarding fraud and bribery in many land deals.

Just as his cross examination was closing attorney Worthington asked if Puter had been promised immunity by the government for giving testimony. Puter replied he had to a certain extent. That after his conviction on the charge for which he is now serving a term in prison, F. J. Heney told him if he would become a government witness the other charges against him would not be pressed. Puter also said he had attempted to bribe the grand jury which indicted him. The witness explained that he gave a man named Brownell \$50 to influence the grand jurors to see that a "true bill" was not returned against him. Puter also said that he had dealt in a great deal of state land with alleged fraudulent title since his conviction. The witness told the attorney for the defense that he got the two \$2,000 bills with which he said he had bribed Senator Mitchell, from Charles Chaffee, president of the Wisconsin national bank of Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, March 21.—Officials of the Wisconsin National Bank state that there has never been such a person as Charles Chaffee connected with that institution.

PETITION IN INSOLVENCY.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—Robert Ward of Oakland, who owns some mines on Horse Fly River, British Columbia, filed a petition in insolvency yesterday. His liabilities are \$38,414 with \$1,000 assets.

FULTON WOULD RETAIN TOGA

Will be Candidate to Succeed Himself.

RUN ON PAST RECORD

Astorian Declares He Will Not Spend Kopec to Get Nomination.

WILL STAY IN WASHINGTON

Campaign For Re-Election Was Launched At Banquet In His Honor Last Week—Chamberlain May Be Opponent.

PORTLAND, March 21.—Senator Charles W. Fulton today announced that he will be a candidate to succeed himself in the United States.

He declared that he will come out out as a candidate without leaving his post at Washington, and that he will not spend a kopec to secure the nomination.

Around the whether or not of Fulton's candidacy cluster the hopes of a number of Senatorial aspirants. Undoubtedly he will be opposed in the primaries, but it is a foregone conclusion that some of those who have hearkened to the buzzing of the bee will keep out of the race, since the Senator has announced his intention of entering it.

"You may say that I shall be a candidate to succeed myself, barring developments that I know nothing of at this time," said Senator Fulton this morning. "While I shall allow my name to go before the primaries, I shall make no campaign. I shall not leave my post at Washington, for Congress will be in session at that time. I shall not spend a dollar in the way of a campaign fund. I shall by that time have been in Congress for five years and shall go before the people for the Republican nomination upon my record as Senator from Oregon during that period. The people will by that time have had sufficient opportunity to judge of my qualifications for the office."

The next general primaries will be held in April, 1908. Congress will be in session for the long term at that time, and in announcing that he will not leave his seat in the Senate to engage in the campaign, Senator Fulton is following the policy first practiced by Senator Gearin at the last primaries.

Senator Fulton's campaign for re-nomination and re-election was practically launched at the banquet given in his honor at Salem last week. Governor Chamberlain, who was invited to participate in the feast, was not there. Prominent and influential Republicans were in attendance from different sections of the state, and every mention or inference made to the subject of Fulton's re-election was applauded to the echo.

Although Governor Chamberlain has not aid so himself, his followers and all others in close communion with the Chief Executive admit that he aspires to don the Senatorial toga, and has been building his fences with that contingency in view for months.

AMERICAN MARINES LAND.

Will Protect Interests of Americans in Honduras.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Blue-jackets and marines have been landed from the United States Gunboats Princeton and Marietta at Trujillo and

Ceiba and probably at Puerto Cortez, in Honduras in order to protect American interests in these ports. Advices were received today at the Navy Department from Commander Fullam of the Marietta. Both coasts of the warring Central American republics are completely protected by the American gunboats. Joint intervention by the Mexico and United States is now regarded probable by diplomats.

PICK PRISON LOCK.

EUGENE, Or., March 21.—Three men robbed the cigar store of Walter Wilmot at Springfield while the proprietor was in the rear of the building playing a game of cards Tuesday night. They took a number of boxes of cigars and were on the point of leaving the place when Wilmot discovered them, and he and Frank Smitson ran after them in an endeavor to capture them. They caught up with one of the men who knocked Wilmot down. City Marshal Shaban arrested the thief. The other two thieves succeeded in getting away, but later in the night stole some tools from a blacksmith shop pried the lock off the jail door and liberated their comrade.

FOLLY KILLS FOUR.

HELENA, March 21.—Four men were blown to pieces this evening in the new Northern Pacific Tunnel near Lombard. The accident was caused by the carelessness of one of the workmen in tamping a charge of black powder into a hole with a steel drill instead of a wooden stick. Details are meagre but it is supposed the drill hit against the rock and caused a spark which ignited the powder.

SACRAMENTO HIGHER

Situation Along California River Reported [Appalling].

WORST FLOOD RECORDED

Unbroken Stretch of Flood Water Sixty Miles Across—Thousands of Cattle Sheltered On Levees—Only Decline of Water Can Avert Disaster.

SACRAMENTO, March 21.—From all down river points comes the alarming news that the Sacramento river is higher than ever before known and the situation all along the levees is appalling. There is already suffering and every able bodied man in assisting in the fight against water that is pouring into the ranches and inundating thousands of acres of the finest farming land in the state.

Special dispatches to the Union from Freeport, Courtland, Walnut Grove and Franklin, state that the river has reached the highest stage ever recorded and it is predicted that the terrible scenes during the tremendous floods of 1904 will be surpassed. Standing on the levees near Courtland one may look for sixty miles to the Southeast across an unbroken stretch of water extending clear to Stockton. Thousands of cattle are being sheltered on top of the levees and if the water does not fall soon indescribable condition of disaster are considered inevitable.

SENTENCES COMMUTED.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 21.—The Governor has commuted the sentences of William Fultz and Emilia Allisana. Fultz was sentenced in Pierce County July 12, 1902, to even years for burglary. Allisana was sentenced in King County, April 24, 1905, to two years and six months for grand larceny. On account of the excellent services rendered by these men at the stone quarry in Lewis County, the Board of Control has recommended that their sentences be commuted. The commutations shorten their terms of imprisonment only a few weeks as both men would otherwise have been discharged in April.